

Readings for Sunday, May 19, 2019
5th Sunday of Easter & Friendship Sunday
Woodbury United Methodist Church

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

The apostles and the other believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²When Peter went to Jerusalem, those who were in favor of circumcising Gentiles criticized him, saying, ³“You were a guest in the home of uncircumcised Gentiles, and you even ate with them!” ⁴So Peter gave them a complete account of what had happened from the very beginning:

⁵“While I was praying in the city of Joppa, I had a vision. I saw something coming down that looked like a large sheet being lowered by its four corners from heaven, and it stopped next to me. ⁶I looked closely inside and saw domesticated and wild animals, reptiles, and wild birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat!’ ⁸But I said, ‘Certainly not, Lord! No ritually unclean or defiled food has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹The voice spoke again from heaven, ‘Do not consider anything unclean that God has declared clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and finally the whole thing was drawn back up into heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where I was^[a] staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them without hesitation. These six fellow believers from Joppa accompanied me to Caesarea, and we all went into the house of Cornelius. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send someone to Joppa for a man whose full name is Simon Peter. ¹⁴He will speak words to you by which you and all your family will be saved.’ ¹⁵And when I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷It is clear that God gave those Gentiles the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; who was I, then, to try to stop God!”

¹⁸When they heard this, they stopped their criticism and praised God, saying, “Then God has given to the Gentiles also the opportunity to repent and live!”

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Psalm 148

Francis of Assisi
trans. by William H. Draper
Geistliche Kirchengesänge

RESPONSE (*Morning Prayer & General*)



Let all things their cre - a - tor bless: Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

R

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens,
praise the Lord, in the heights!
- 2 Praise the Lord, all his angels,
praise the Lord, all his hosts!
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
praise the Lord, all shining stars!
- 4 Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
and all waters above the heavens! R
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
- 6 who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
sea monsters and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command! R
- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

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- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **God has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful ones,
for the people of Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord! R**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN:

³¹After Judas had left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man's glory is revealed; now God's glory is revealed through him. ³²And if God's glory is revealed through him, then God will reveal the glory of the Son of Man in himself, and he will do so at once. ³³My children, I shall not be with you very much longer. You will look for me; but I tell you now what I told the Jewish authorities, 'You cannot go where I am going.' ³⁴And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**